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David T. Pollock, et al.

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In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated March 11, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, Species III. It is believed that at least claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-15, 17-20, 22, and 23 are readable on the related subject matter.

For the purpose of addressing informalities, please also amend the claims as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter amended claims 8, 9 and 10 and substitute the amended claims for the pending claims with the same numbers.

8. (Amended) The medical apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a compressed condition defining a reduced inner diameter and outer diameter, wherein
the medical apparatus is capable of compression to the compressed condition.

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